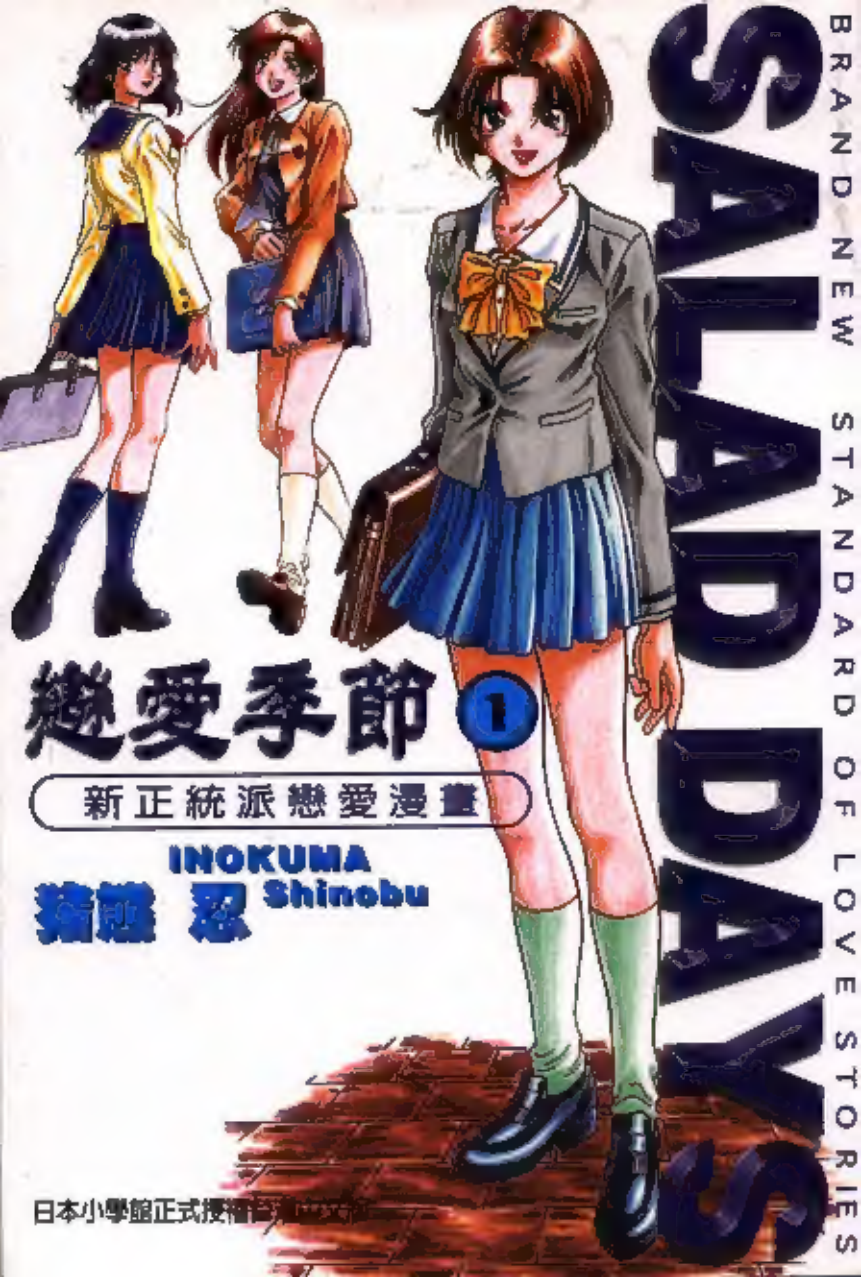
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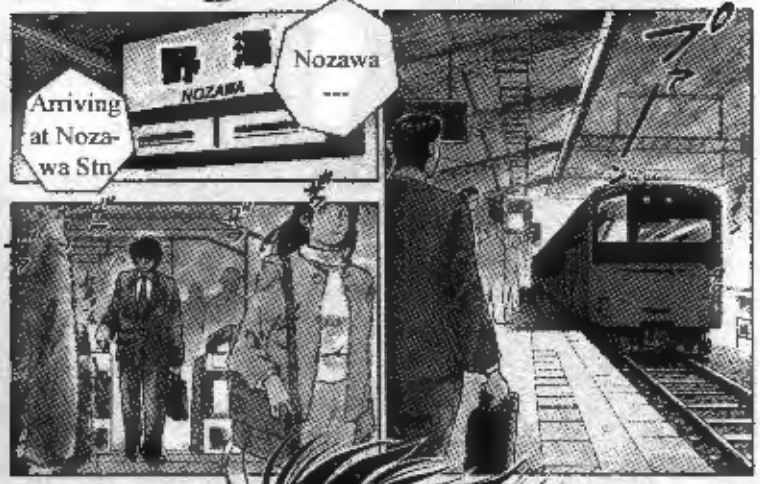

15 years old, spring ...

PART 1 Confession

TAizawa Atsukichi

*note - read from right to left

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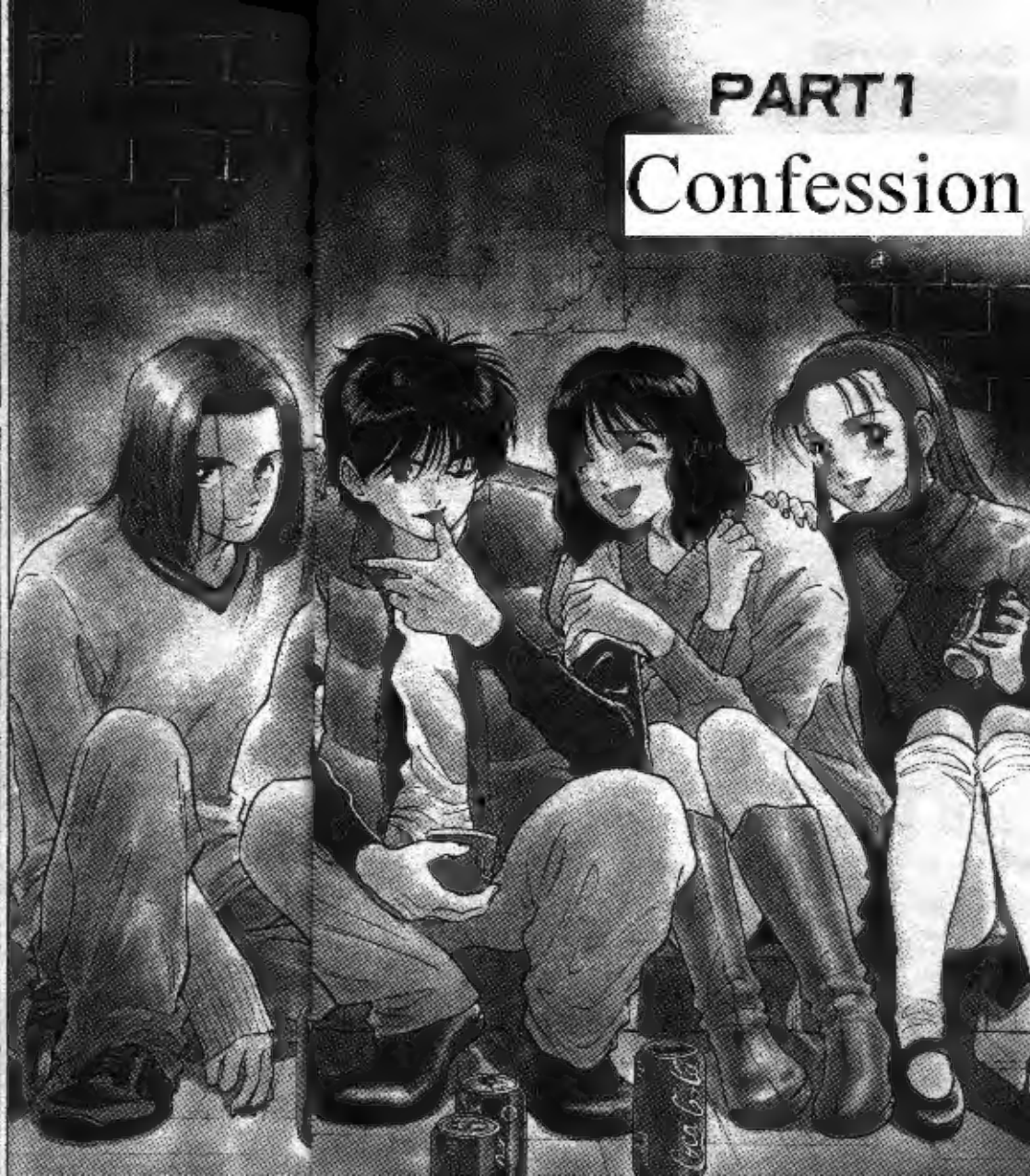
*Tohka Metropolitan Private Senior High

Pick up basketball again which I dropped because of cram school
Commute to school by train (I lived so close to where my school was in elementary and Junior high...)

PART 1
Confession



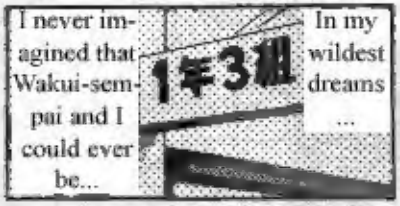
Ah! Hidoii!
Amazing, you managed to make it in here!
That's why ...
It was do or die for me...
Just kidding! Haha!
Sempai! Hisashiburi!!!
Aizawa? Hey, it's really you!

Of course!
Sempai, didn't you?
Aizawa, you gonna play basketball again?
I just had to enter the same school as sempai...

...the boy's team
But now, I'm the booster for...
Ah? Really ?
Our school has no girl's team
Yeah, really!

Sempai!
Wakui -sempai!
.....

*sign - 1st year, section 3



...could this really be true?!

What a-a-a-

Ah?
You DOG, you!
She doesn't seem like a delinquent ...
What was it then?
She's very attentive ...
How'd Wakui -sempai get held back though?
I heard ...
She got herself held back on purpose
Whoa
So the rumors about Wakui being held back were true!
But ...
Confession ...
Seven, Six girls and one guy...
Okay, how many Aona High students made Tohka this year?
So they could be in the same class
'coz of a kouhai* she liked
Of course. We were classmates in 3rd year Jr. High
Neechan, you know about this?

*kouhai=underclassmate

Ah, Oha-you!
Well, I have cleanup duty..
Sempai, you're here so early
Hey, so are you
Because I really wanted to do cleanup duty w/ you
I asked someone to trade with me
Ah? Isn't your student number far in the back?*
Me, too
NOT! Who would like you that much anyway?
What did you say?!
Yeah! You lucky dog, you!
Whoo-hoo!
No way !!!
It's possible
And who says it even has to be a guy...
Aho ka... ?!
It normally refers to someone from high school!
Kouhai can also mean someone from cram school or grade school, y'know
Could it really be so...?
1年3組
...has feelings for me, too?
Sempai, she ...

*editor's note - In Japan and most Asian countries, students are assigned to tidy up thier own classrooms as early as the first grade. Cleanup duty is assigned by student #, with 1 guy and 1 girl. Student #'s are arranged by student's last names in roman alphabetical order, guys and girls in separate lists. Aizawa could well be the first boy, but Wakui's somewhere at the end

Don't you think so..?
For an age group that normally wouldn't share a common path...
All it takes, is for the elder...
...and the elder can slow their pace down...
...then, they could share a common path
I got chosen first because I had experience
I guess that's the bad thing about being held back...
GOT-CHA! I was just playin' with ya!
Ah...
There she goes again...
Well, I consider being in the same class as you as one...
Is there a good thing about being held back?
!
Don't you think it's queer how the world turns?
Hey
No, I'm serious this time
You're playing with me again...
So they could be in the same class...
'coz of a kouhai she liked

10 **cleanup duty people usually double as monitors or teachers' go-fers in high school

14

*sign - faculty room/teacher's lounge

Is Wakui absent?
Wakui Asami
She's not here
huh
I heard Wakui's a repeater
I heard he's not supposed to skip class or again
Here we go again
学生手册
Sempai, ohayou
I never thought there'd be a day where I'd really wholeheartedly want to go to school
The sun is up

then
I really
have
It truly,
I was
the cause
of this
Ah
sem-
pai-
Ah

No it's nothing
Sorry I didn't know to (earn)
Oh you were worried about me
Ari gatou
I...
Uh
Sempai
Yesterday
Ha!
What is it?
Arazawa
And then I found
I looked at the student roster
I'll be more than willing to hear you out
As long as I can help you ease your troubles
Don't hesitate to come and tell me about it
But if you run into anything difficult

Huh
Can we leave now
Sempai
He used to be the captain of our Seiwa High boys basketball team
Sempai do you remember Its Niwa Kousuke
Sempai
Sempai
Sure he made Kouman High after all
Ah
was wearing Kouman's uniform
Ah Kousuke Its Kousuke

de
cided
I'd
fail
the
grade"
But I real-
ized that
in 2 years
I'd be back
in the same
situation
In order
to close
the one
year gap
We
were
see-
ing
each
other
once
a
week
Why
-
-
!?!
Why
What
makes
you so big
that you let
Sempai
cry???
It was
like that day
after day
But I fig-
ured we'd
meet again
in spring
so I
Because
of the
exams
we could
not meet
I was
afraid to
call as well
for fear of
disturbing
him
Yes.
I really
did want
to make
it in"
But
I didn't
even
make it
to the
exams
Why?
Did you try
your best
to make
it into
Ichika?
But
We still
met at least
once each
week
Then
I entered
Senior
High
So when he
said "I'm
going to make
Ichika next
year" I was
so relieved
I wished
to be able
to see him
every day
I
feared
separa-
tion

...I was not the one she waited for
Although I'm disappointed that ...
She still is waiting for you
waiting for you to just see her
Who cares about your dignity !
Didn't you know sempai was waiting for you !
Tell me
was still no good for make-ups the next day
On the day of the exam I couldn't go because of a high fever
She got herself held back for me ! But I on the other hand
Tell me how could I face her with any dignity !

Ever since Junior High, I've always been in love with you.
Sempai!
Listen Azusa about yesterday
I'm very sorry
!?
Sempai
Sempai
Sempai
Sempai
Sempai

Thank you
and sorry
!?

Ah! You gotta be kidding me right
That guy looked pretty hot
Shi kata nai wa
It's cuz I already have someone I'm in love with
Oh boy not another one and sure is a pain around
Con- fes- sion
Somehow I had still hoped that I stood a chance
.feels for you the way you did for me!
So !
I believe that there's some girl out there that .
Ah- hah!
GAN- BAT- TE!
And
Pick up basketball which I dropped for cram school, commute by train
After entering Senior High, I was determined to do three things
Aizawa Tatsukichi, 15 years old, spring...

I hear he's in section 3
I saw him at the train station at opening days for me
I don- love at first sight
So what's the guy like?
I don't know
What? You "don't know"?
His name is ..

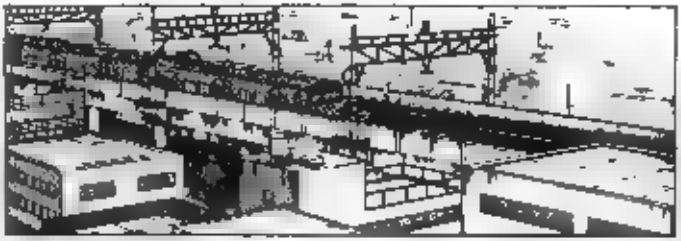
And when ...

How did they come to be?

Just how did they come together?

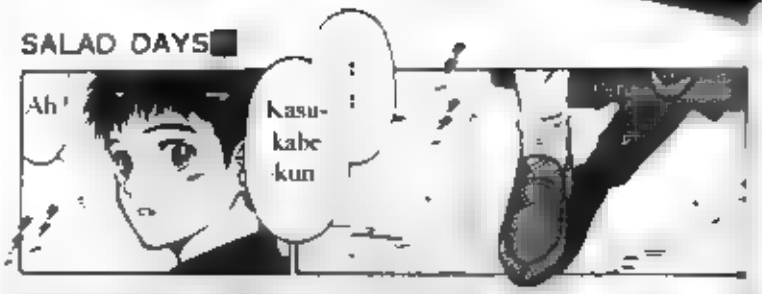
I've always been curious

Lovers at the train station that pair up



will this kind of love strike me as well?

PART2
KISS


Ah!
Kasu-
kabe
-kun

Kyouta
-kun
Ka-
suka-
be

That
famous
She's
in mer-
chant
club
Hey
Ha
that's
me

And will
I ever be
an influence
in someone
else's life?

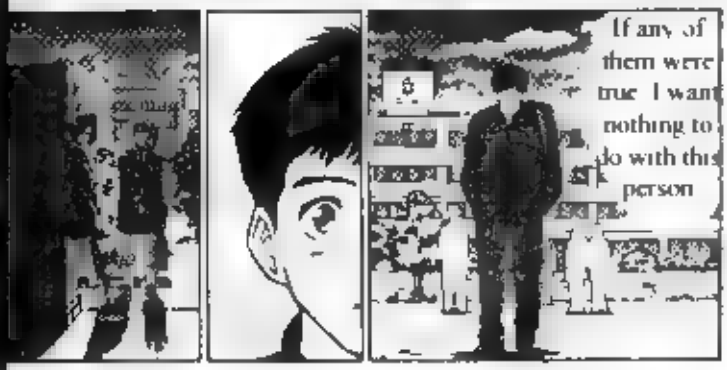
Wah!
Hey.

Ah
...
...

We saw that! Kyouta!
!?
She kissed you!
There's no shortage of rumors about Kashiwagi Kiriko
Waaaaaaa-naaaaaah!

And she was the one I shared my first kiss with...

"exhibitionist"... She once bared it all, and got all the guys in her class at her beck and call...
Stuff like: "flirt"... She'd play, as long as it was a guy...
Anyway, not a single account being anything good



She seems a normal enough girl
And She's not bad looking either
Hee hee
Ah
Excuse me will this be long?
If I may what the heck made you
This is the first time we've actually talked
We're not in the same club
We're in different sections
We barely know each other
Let's go sit at a cafe to discuss this ok?
Oh shit My body's getting a reaction
But I think she's capable of this and that
Forget it
Well go on
What's going on in this girl's head
Can I ask you something
Sure thing Shoot
That kiss
This morning
What was the meaning of that
REPOSE

It's because I love you!
I've always taken notice of you..
I wish that you will go out with me!
Ah
She's blushing?
Eh .?
What?
The infamous exhibitionist is blushing just talking about a mere kiss ? What's going on here?
You
I

Ah
huh
huh
huh
huh
huh
huh
huh
huh
Shut the hell up Who wants someone like that
What's taking you
Oh

Ah. I heard she was flirting with a guy
What's going on?
But that's not news when Kashiwagi Kinko is involved
Eh?
Ah?
Kashiwagi Kinko is Kashiwagi Kinko after all Yaku.
Unbelievable And to think she just confessed yesterday!
She was crying?
But she brought it on herself
Well, well wonders never cease even she can cry, too
I wonder if that's true..?
Brought it on herself ..

What do I do ?
Forget it it looks like I'm just another Kashiwagi Kunko victim
*ddk heartbeat
And the difference between amor and eros is
they were all rumors
But
No one really witnessed it themselves
No account concerning her is good
flirt and exhibitionist
I love you' I wish that you will go out with me!
I love you I wish that you will go out with me
I love you I wish that you will go out with

I'm just not sure what kind of person you are
Friends first that makes sense'
I'm so glad '
I have real fears for it
But if I were to accept her request
Oh I don't mind a bit'
Sorry that's all I can offer you now
So I have little choice
Not only that I may also become an object of gossip myself
I would also be accepting her tainted background, and I also have to endure any gossip about her that arises
Because if I accepted her request
Because right now
What did you mean by that ?
Huh?
What ?
Is that okay'
Of course it's okay' That will do for me'
Well I've decided
I'd like for us to be just friends first

You might as well have said you hated me!
If you were going to give me such a reserved answer
What the hell..?
And now she dumped me..?
She confessed to me
Sayonara..
Hidoii.
You're referring to those rumors, aren't you?
I really thought you could
I expected that you'd find it out
be able to see the real me
I thought at least you would understand me

Why did you dump Kiriko -chan?!
Gah
Ah!
Kiriko-chan's getting ready to leave this school! She's gone and requested a transfer
What are you talking about! She dumped me
If you don't stop her, then she'll really leave!
You're Kiriko -chan's last anchor!

Chi

Why should I care about that kind of girl

The name's Sawada Tomoki! Baka!
Ah you're Kashiwagi Kiriko's friend
Out-side!
Hey Kasu-kabe!

All for just a small gesture such as that ?

Kinko-chan is really just that simple-minded Do you understand now ?

A month ago.

When she almost got smothered in a sardine packed train

A stranger came and shielded her from the crowd...

I'm such a... huge idiot!

Fan Fiction

But I couldn't accept the simple truth that this girl would blush at the mere mention of a "kiss"

I readily believed hundreds of rumors

She's a complete virgin!!!

Those rumors were all made up!

She decided to make Kinko-chan pay

Because the guy she was interested in liked Kinko-chan instead

There's this baka onna in our class

Sinking deeper and deeper into depression And then

In class she could only keep alone to herself

Kinko-chan constantly suffers torment from her group

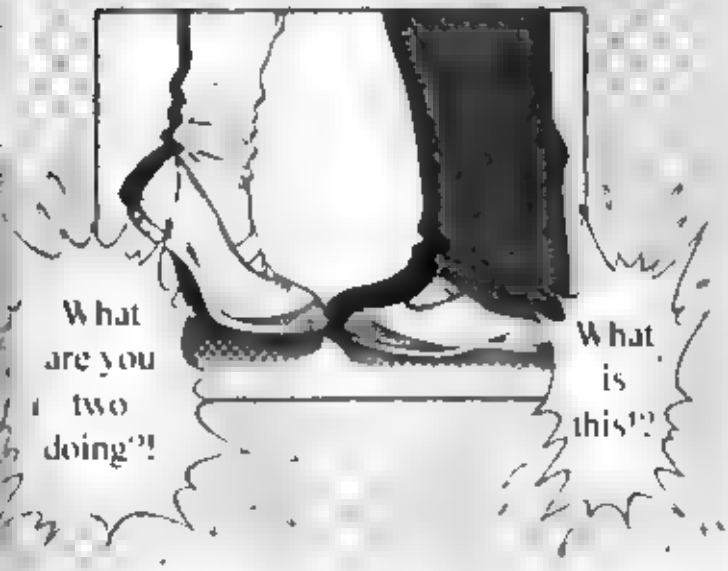
It's all that baka onna's doing She planted all those awful rumors

So please
In fact I will get rid of every single one of them
I will shield you from those rumors

...for one to be true to one's feelings!
Ki-riko!

Ah?
Just how did they come to be ?
Just how did they come together?
Now I have the answers to those questions
Lovers at the train station that pair up
I've always been curious . .
The legacy that began from that single moment ..
The courage it took for her to come to me
The courage it took me to hug her tight .

I *can* be an influence in someone else's life!



What happened next ..? Well, it's another story

After a stern lecture, we were suspended for 3 days to think about what we did ..

PART 3
Summer
Romance

Damn
hell
There's
no next
time is
there?
Ah
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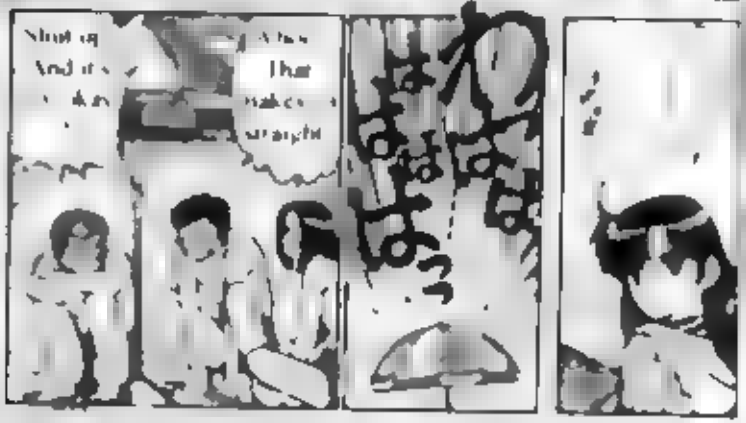
Shut up
And it's
Hey
That
makes
straight
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Kou
suke
kun
Kou
suke
kun
I don't
need any
comedy
lessons
the likes
of you
Stop
that
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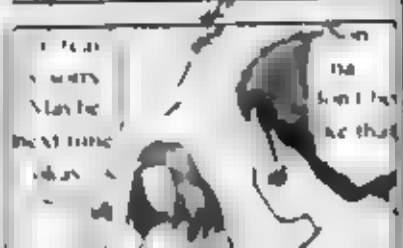
that
tension

together
with my
boy
friend

What
I'm sorry
to say


I'm sorry
Maybe
next time

God damn them!
G G
Is this really okay?
Sure it is. He's got plenty of gals left to try out on!
Kinko -chan!
Asami -chan!
Well, let's get something to drink then!
Kyouta -kun I'm really thirsty
Sure.
Kousuke-kun I found this really cool place Let me take you there!
Yuuji! Just remember to be back here by 6, okay!
Suman na I guess we'll leave you to your own devices now!
I'm gonna snag myself the biggest most beautiful prize out there
Well you just wait!
I have to suffer all their taunts, just because I'm single!
Go to hell!
Yeah, he's stupid-looking!
I'm sorry but you're just not my type
Then beat it, pal
You got any dough?
No!
Then you will see just how good I am!
Ohousama! Ohousama!

Oh no! A complete failure..

Waaaaaaaaaah!
Whoa
That's more like a glare though
Sou ka
How could you have missed me right
Of course it's completely my fault
take you out for a sodda
Chotto sama Are how you all about alone
I
be so unlucky today
How can I
どぜ

I hate guys that go chasing skirts the most!
We all saw it
Uh
People like that are everywhere
Huh?
Huh?
Who did have to take care a person like you
Uh
Ah!
Ha-ha!
What gall do you have to talk of me like that
Uh

Now that I've stunned the press to silence I'm off to find myself some real girls
Hah! I guessed right didn't I
Admit it You just never had anyone come up to you
And what does that mean
Why don't you stop beating around the bush you pervert
Ah-ha
Ah
Now let me see
Ah-ha I can't believe I bothered to treat you
And that's probably why you've always hated guys like me
I said alright
Uh
Al-right
Ohisama How about I treat you to a soda
Just for male attention the most
Everyone knows depraved girls like you
Am I wrong

!?
Hold it!
I finally struck gold on my 52nd try!!!
It's just because I hate lo-
Just wait! I'll sing' win you ev- ver yet!
You have a girlfriend already but you
Oh
か

Do You take me for an idiot!?
This is truly an unlucky day

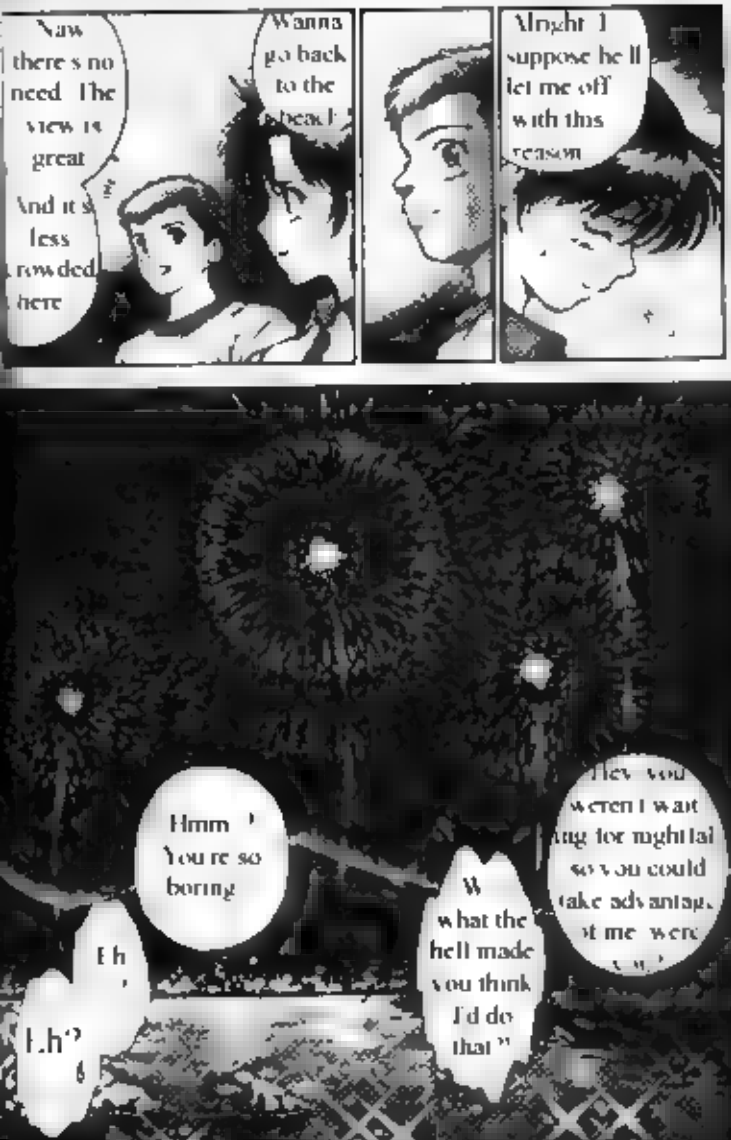
..real decent after all
Although she has an explosive temper
and is really frank with her convictions
It's the first time that's happened
I'm not sure what to make of it
A man bows their head to me in defeat
pressed my moral
Actually I'm sorry too I shouldn't have
I just
feel a little embarrassed

I thought coming to the beach would somehow help me deal with that
but somehow I get all nervous and start badmouthing them instead
I'd really like to change that
You were right I would really love to be able to talk to guys
Who loves to smile
Underneath that tough exterior, is an ordinary girl ..
You think so
You know I think it already has helped you a lot
Yeah I'm game
It's a nice hot Let's go for a swim shall we
Ah Why you little
In truth I think it back fired on him we become a bash outgoing woman under that
He believes in traditional ways where women should be prim and proper
Okasama's really strict in the way he handles people

Ah
Hold on a second
I'll just go get changed Be right back
Okay we'll meet back under this clock then
But
Oh look
Hey
I think I better head back and meet with my friends
Huh C'mon now It's still real early
Oh!
It's tonight at 7 o clock Oh I really love watching fireworks
What The fireworks display
Look at that!
This is not an unlucky day at all!
Ya hoo-hoo!
In fact this is my luckiest day!
Alright It's settled then
Hey We can go watch it together
Eh
I really wish I could see it
!!

Oh yeah and this is her
Huh
How can this be!?
I can't let this happen!
She had to leave already
Her dad's really strict
Hi ♡
I think you've conquered her mighty lack-a-chan
Yeah
I hear she's a real smooth one
What I conquered was only
I suppose more girls is better
She asked me to give it to her address and
I wanted me to say thank you for today on her behalf
Oh right ack chan she
Speak up!

Ah
N
O
O
O
!
Let go of me! I knew it! You're not so nice after all!

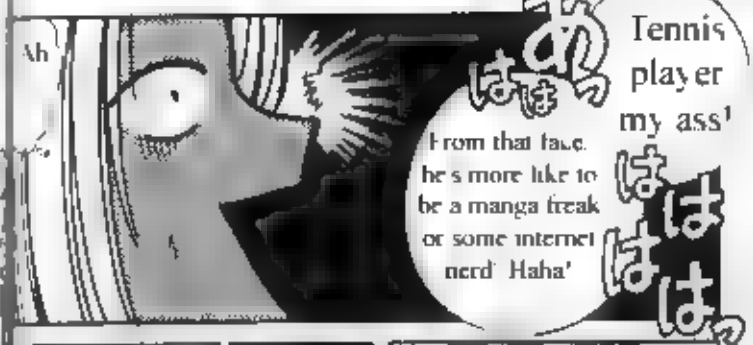

Naw there's no need. The view is great
And it's less crowded here
Wanna go back to the beach?
Alright I suppose he'll let me off with this reason
Hmm ♪ You're so boring
Eh ♪
Eh?
W what the hell made you think I'd do that?!
Hey you weren't waiting for nightfall so you could take advantage of me were

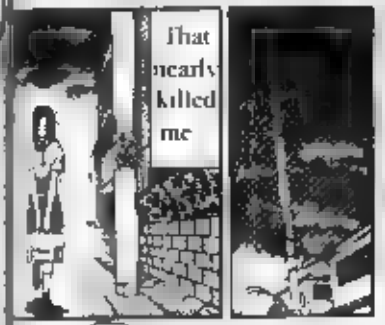
PART 4
Closet Lover

Yeah
We're so pathetic. We have to listen to all of her dating stories
I saw. Look I stole one off
I thought imps were myths, but I see one, right here!
Kill me, please! Could he be any uglier?

So this is your new boyfriend, Sachi?
Wow!
Kakkoi desho?
Oh yeah. That's a great catch you got.
And and he's
He plays tennis and is real tall to boot
Well I have a date so I'll be going
Oh Ja ne

I-taka-aki-kun
Uh, yeah I am
Akari-chan you're off from school as well!
Yep, that's cuz we're in different schools now
short stick thin, and not all that handsome
It's been a while since we last walked w uniforms on!
I'm doing no such thing
Why are you distancing yourself from me!
But worst of all is---
Akari-chan, wanna stop by my place a while?
No one's around to see us there?


Ah
From that face, he's more like to be a manga freak or some internet nerd. Haha!
あはは
Tennis player my ass!
はは


That nearly killed me

Akari-chan what's the matter!

Akari-chan!
Because my special guy is.

That was really a horrible lapse of conduct for me
I usually don't laugh at people like that

He's an astro-nomy nut!
Oh ah I wonder

1-C

Huh

Induction party?

So I'm supposed to go to

Yeah July 26 2pm at Shibuya's karaoke-dom

No excuses We set this up a year ago for you

Anyway, I should never let Miki-chan and the others find out that Takaaki-kun's my boyfriend!

**plaque Kisaragi Private All-Girl Senior High School

I'm taking you out to watch the stars

Nani?

Why? You gonna get me something

Uh This August 2nd

It's almost your 16th birthday right?

It's set then Make sure you're free that day

Uh okay!

Does it have to be on my birthday

Darn that astronomy nut

8月 August

My Birthday Yo

2

*note My Birthday with Takaaki stargazing 7pm Yazu park

Thanks for waiting
Isn't that ...?
Shibuya
Tomorrow's summer break already. Aren't you afraid of being bored and alone?
You're the only one in our group that's still unattached
Even Sachiko of all people has a boyfriend now
Really? I can't wait then
Alright then it's settled
You won't be disappointed
They're gonna be from the top ranked boshoren high school Shinagawa Kotsuki High
H-how is that possible?
Or is it cuz you have a guy already
Oh, they're here!
AAAA-AAAH!
Takaaki-kun's school!
Huh? Akari...
Shinagawa Kotsuki High
Why's that so familiar
Oh right! Miki-chan's boyfriend is from there maybe that's it
If only I admitted I already have a boyfriend

Just for today. Can you pretend not to know me"
O-ne-gai!
?
?
?
Ham
Oh, cuz there weren't enough guys, so I got dragged her at the last minute
But believe me I'm not into this sort of stuff"
Why the heck are you here
W.C
Why am I here
I was talking about me"
I won't get embarrassed
cuuuz It's embarrassing
Why
What did I do to deserve this"
How could this've happened"
You sure are image-conscious!
Hmph. alright I will
Takaaki kun! Wait a minute!
Mat-te yo
Hun
C'mon. I'll introduce you to everyone
But now that you're here all that has changed

Ah
Yappari
It's that model
I've only heard that he's still in senior high
Have you ever heard of Sawada Natsuki
Who's that beside Taka-err that actor-looking man
Wow
Are you sure ask for the business
Shizuka
I didn't think there were guys like him in a school like
Yeah he's a real actor-looking man
Ah
So that's who it
Masaka
Haha
No guys like Taka-aki are your type
Aki-chan
Where did you guys go off to
Daijoubu
I leave it up to me
Ah
were
that good looking
I
see
Hey
Ah
Have you forgotten the purpose of this make-out party
Ah
Ah
It's Takaaki-kun
Ah
Ah
No
Way
Ah
Ah
I'll set you guys up with something
You'd better try hard at making it work
Ah
Ah
Uh
that
Let's
see

Hi, how'd this happen?
Ganbatte yo! Akari-chan! Ganbatte!
SHADY REST RESORT
Ahh
interest in me
I'm flattered that you had
Shh Shh Shh
He says he's going to walk you home—!
AH-AAH
!?
!?
Was it's dark already
Time flies by when you sing
So what do we do next?
He's agreed
Sawada-kun
Hai!
Akari-chan

I wouldn't have gone through all that trouble otherwise
Baka! Baka! BAKA!
How Nam so
I care about you so I didn't want to provoke people into making fun of you
That's why you wanted me to pretend we didn't know each other
I already said I'm sorry
that's not it
understand? and we don't even have to pretend
It was a misunderstanding I didn't plan it
from now on we're strangers
Just as well I wanted to break up with you anyway you're tiresome nut
Moshi moshi? Is this Sawada Natsuki-kun? Ah thanks for yesterday
It's my birthday
I just wanted to ask if you were free on Aug
Nani yo!? BAKA!
!?
Just what did you mean by what you did yesterday, Akari-chan
Wahahah

Sawada-kun!
You're not the only fish in the sea Takaishi-kun!
I'm glad you called me up
her!

HOTEL-
I YAAA!
This is the great place
Yasu Park
Alright
I'm glad to hear that

Taka
...
20xx
II
Waaaa-
aah!

11:47.
You just barely made it before August 2 ended!
Hey, so are you!
What are you doing? You're all wet!
You're
Ah
...?
Akari-chan, you finally got here!
- I'm sure someone up there is making fun of me
Yazu park
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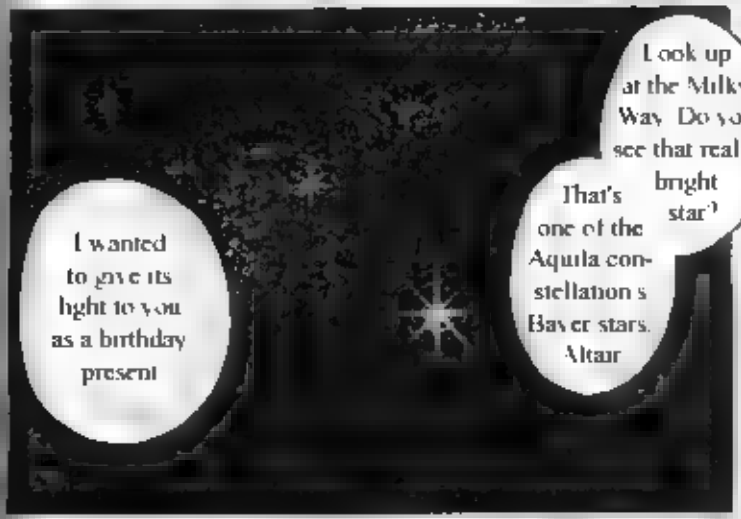
And he braved it for me
I'm sorry about the last time. I didn't have my head on straight. I lost it. I didn't even think you'd come today

...your birthday star, Akari-chan!

Ah


I wanted to give its light to you as a birthday present
That's one of the Aquila constellation's Bayer stars, Altair
Look up at the Milky Way. Do you see that really bright star?

*Fun fact - Looked it up. It's actually *exactly* 16.8 light years away.

As long as we love each other none of this even matters at all

Who cares if someone laughs behind my back?

Who cares if people call him an astronomy nut!

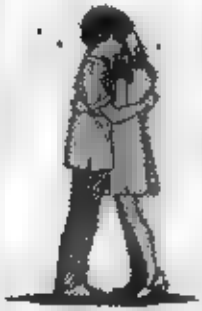
I should not be ashamed of him, I should be ashamed of myself...!

Why would I feel ashamed .?

Why wouldn't I want anyone to know about him .?

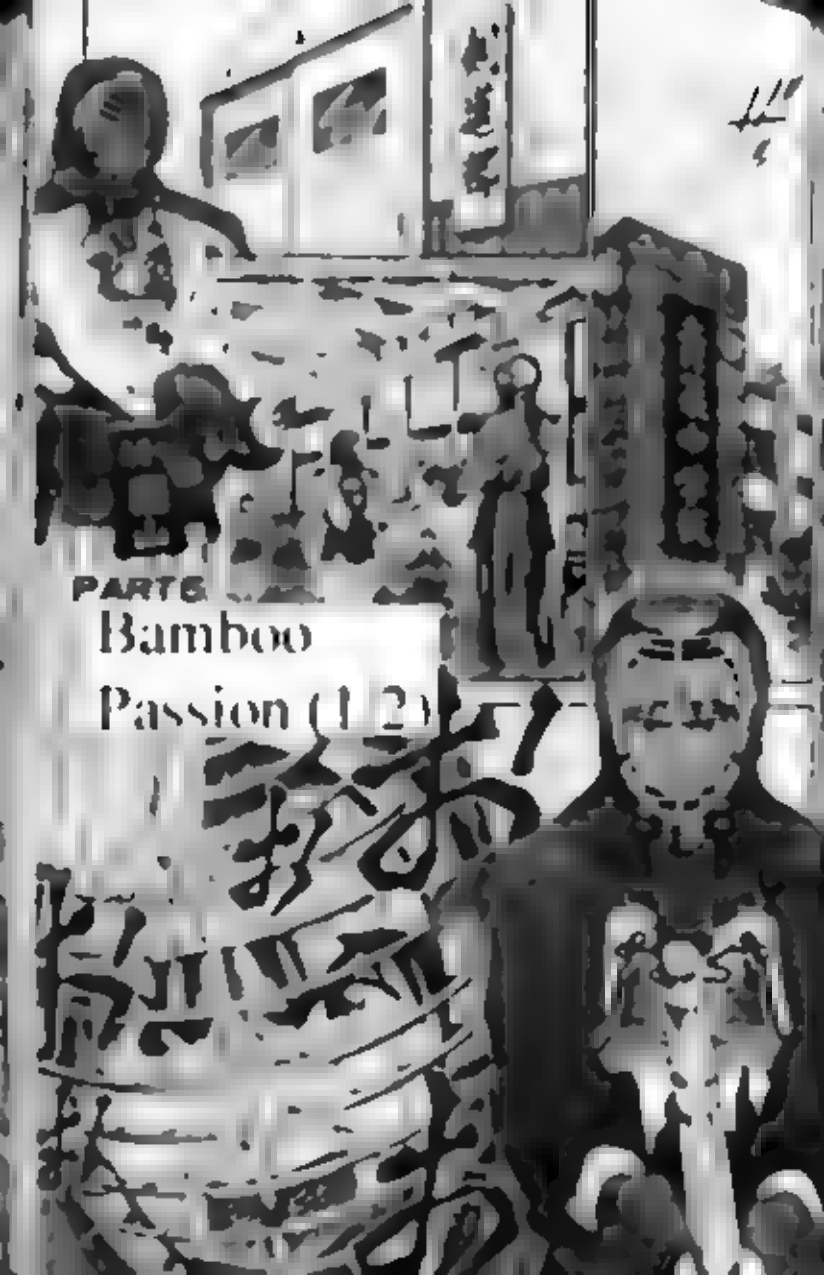
Takaaki -kun! I'm sorry!

I'm so sorry for the way I acted before!



Bathed in the light of the Altair Star, I will be reborn for you!

Tell everyone that he is my one and only love!
This time, I'm going to introduce Takaaki-kun to everyone!
If the stars represented all the men in the world, he would be my North Star...!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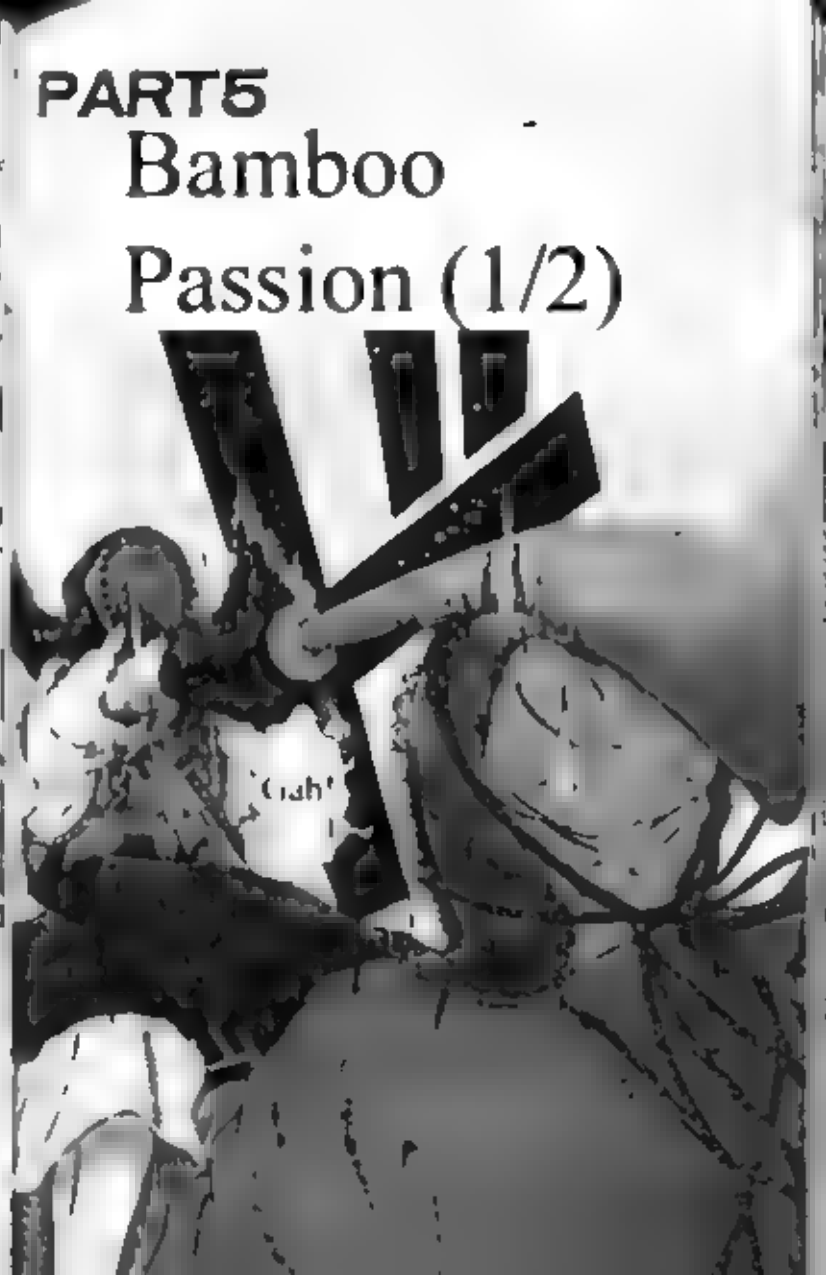


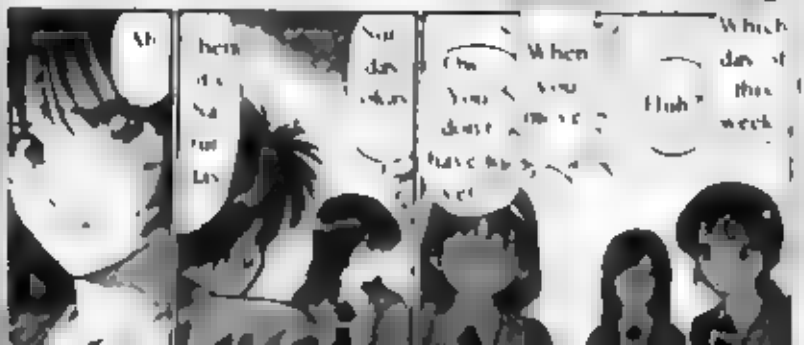
Of course I know
How would you know if we haven't tried
What?
Im-possi-ble
I'll screw you I'm definitely going to win next time!
...?

Be-cause, I'm... moving to another school

Na-ni-i?
Its impos-sible
So there won't even be a next time

Aren't allowed to make noise!
Lo-sers ...
It's just Sonoyama's too strong!
Actually Daichi's not bad
How dare you call me a loser!?

But haven't they been fighting each other since kindergarten
Don't they get tired of it
Sonoyama Kanna is our school's only athlete com-peting at the national level
She has a perfect record again this year

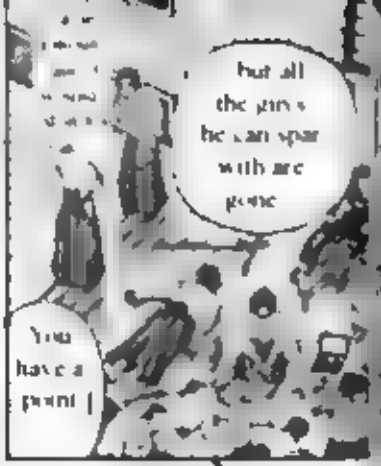


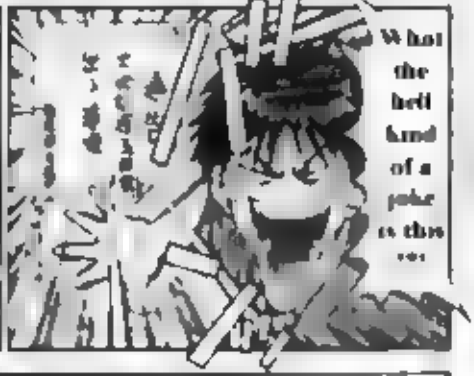
Next stop in the Salad Days timeline

I definitely have to win the fourth match!
The final match!
剣道部
YAAAAH!!!
AH!
Ch!

They're not straw dolls that you can just batter around for practice
Do you even see what you're doing
Huh
Why? You're asking me why

*sign: notice. Daichi is NOT allowed into the training room before Friday.
Kyoshi Taichou Nakayama





If I have to fight you just before I leave I'll feel even worse
!?
But don't want to fight
Of course it is This is our final fight
Ok you understand how much that pains me
I'd have to let go of them to leave
My friends my memories I very

And knowing this you still want me to fight you

But that's true their weakness was making me angrier anyway
I'll remember this day!

But I don't recall

But I
God dammit! That loser Saka yama!

ever accept your challenge

Why you
Is this contest really worth that much to you that you'd abuse others?

It's as if he only comes to school to practice kendo
So Daishi missed class that nut
Next day
a stubborn prideful kendo freak
That baka really just is
So in the end
I meant nothing more to him other than a rival
Sou ka
OKI
... yes, I do!
Fine I accept your challenge then

玉八頭公園

can't even
be stronger
than the
woman he
loves?! I
couldn't beat
her even
once! Can I
be a protector
this way
I'll
try

They had to move us up the schedule
Ah but
Daichi! He left and hasn't come back yet
Ah auntie Is Daichi there?
Moshi moshi? It's me Kanna
He brought his shinai with him so he might be at

It only I were a college student as well
Oneechan you're so lucky you get to stay behind
Right I get to stay here all by myself
I have
I have you said your goodbyes to your teachers and friends?
Ah
In any case we'd better do it soon The movers'll be here early tomorrow
So what's it really like you or haven't you
No I haven't
Ah you didn't know?
Oneechan didn't you say we move on Sunday?

I can't seem to keep my tears from flowing
Aww darn it! What's wrong with me?
What the……?
Ah……?
I couldn't hear her even once Can I be a prude for this long
Aho baka
He's not here
Things would have been different
Maybe. If we didn't meet because of Kendo.
Look what you did you forever made me cry
Aho Baka
Dai-chi
Don't say a word it won't
Ah forget it

Dai-
chi
!!

PART6

Bamboo Passion (2/2)

ズ
弓道のロロ
ナサイ
The
match
Which
Kamura-chan
we'd better
leave now
Get your
things
剣道部
Nakamura
Nakamura

You don't need to be so loud Ha apologize okay
Baka yaro!
What the hell?!? So this is where you've been all night?!
I damn near killed myself trying to find you last night
Now's not the time for that
I'm sorry I know I broke your no entry into training room rule but
Ah!
The door's unlocked
Ah oh that
Huh
Huh? What do I mean? Isn't today the 1000th match?
D.. Dai-chi .!
Ha!
!?
She's catching the 11am bullet train leaving today
!?
Your 1000th battle is all over
She told me that her moving day was moved up
Last night Sonoyama came to my house
What're you talking about?

I can't let this happen!
there's so many things I haven't said But I can still make it
Kanna.
Kanna!
I'm hoping against hope that fate will somehow help me. But I guess in the end, I really have to let it go
Dai-chi!?

Kan-
na~!
Dai-
chi
!!!
!?
Dai-
chi
!
and wont
part ways
We'd probat
ly smile
when we
see each
ther
It we
didn't
meet
be-
cause
of
Kendo
Na-
yo-
na-
ra
Co-
men
deat
Kannaaa
Kan-
na!
I h

What a bunch of dolts these are
Yeah, they really did end up fighting
Once they have shinais in their hands they lose their ability to express feelings
Dat chi
スパーン
!!

SALAD DAYS

sigh

I really shouldn't cheat him like this
That's right Daichi's always been honest with me

If I don't use all my strength
That's right

If you don't use your full strength, then there's no point in winning against you!

Why did you let your guard down?!

!?

Daichi

Are you taking pity on me

Jo
kdan
no ka-
mae!
Mwa
ah
Mwah
haha
ha
I'll be
fooling
him
into a
false
con-
fes-
sion!
I'm happy
to have
gone into
Kendo.
. and
met
Daichi
Yes!
Just like
that!
I'm
happy to
have met
Daichi

SALAD DAYS
Because of Kendo!
Stop yelling you loser!
He really is baka
Baka
Baka
Baka

I'll be waiting for you!
Kan-na!
You just wait and see!
Next time, I'll make sure you never call me a loser again!
Nagano's not that far, stop by any time...
The 1001st chal-lenge ...
...I eagerly antici-pate it!
I've gotta go!

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Ah ...
Your little rule ended yesterday didn't it?
Yeah ...
Well, she's gone ...
No, starting today!
You better work extra hard startn tomorrow

Next time!
Next time
I'll really
be able to
beat you!

SALAD DAYS · fin

PROFILE

猪熊 忍

INOKUMA Shinobu

Writing a love letter at night,
smelling a garden fresh scent,
both cause me to flush a little.
This work also made me feel the same way, revisiting those days that made my cheeks redden and my ears burn.
It's almost like reading a love letter that wasn't meant for you...
I'm sure if you saw it in that context, reading this would be an excellent experience. So everyone, please enjoy the fresh dishes I serve to you.

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我所迷戀的主角

MY FAVORITE GIRLS

SALAD DAYS

She probably was the one who gave me my first taste of what "love" must be like. I can honestly say she was my first love. With her supporting role in "Some Kind of Wonderful", Mary Stuart Masterson opened my eyes with her performance. From then on, I've been drawn to girls who cut their hair short.

Girls I've been indifferent to before, after they cut their hair, I felt as if they gained a special strength that's desirable. It's quite troubling isn't it? ^^;

Oh yes, I realize that my portait of her above must look nothing like her, so please, I encourage you to watch the real thing in the movie, and appreciate the strength that shines through, as I did.